

ARMY MUTUAL SURVIVORSHIP ANNUITY SOCIETY.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN RELATION

To the formation of an Army Mutual Survivorship Annuity Society.

JUNE 19, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *May 25, 1874.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives, in connection with his letter of the 8th ultimo, inclosing papers relative to the formation of an Army Mutual Survivorship Annuity Society, petition of Colonels F. F. Flint, Fourth Infantry, N. A. Miles, Fifth Infantry, J. H. King, Ninth Infantry, T. L. Crittenden, Seventeenth Infantry, and two hundred and ninety other officers of the Army, praying Congress to pass an act, therein set forth, "to enable the officers of the United States Army to provide for the heirs of deceased officers."

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.

To the honorable the Senators and Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The undersigned officers of the United States Army having agreed upon the following text of a bill to enable them to provide for their heirs, respectfully petition its passage by Congress:

AN ACT to enable the officers of the United States Army to provide for the heirs of deceased officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all officers of the United States Army on the active list, and under fifty-five (55) years of age, who may so elect by letter to the Adjutant-General within one month after the receipt of this act in orders at the place where they may be serving, and all who may be commissioned officers after the passage of this act, are hereby created a society for the purpose of providing for the heirs of deceased officers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Adjutant-General of the Army shall keep a roll of the members of this society and furnish a copy thereof to the Paymaster-General of the Army, and the Paymaster-General shall immediately furnish printed copies thereof to the officers of his department, upon which rolls the age at which each member joined the society shall appear.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, upon receipt of official information of the death of a member of this society, the Adjutant-General shall certify the same to the Paymaster-General, who shall inform the officers of his department, which information having been received by the officers of the pay-department, they shall retain from the pay of all the surviving members of the society an assessment in the following proportions, and said assessment shall be made from the pay of the month next succeeding that in which the notice was received by the paymaster:

From those who joined under thirty (30) years of age, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, (\$2.50.)

From those who joined under thirty-five (35) and over thirty (30) years of age, the sum of three dollars, (\$3.)

From those who joined under forty (40) and over thirty-five (35) years of age, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents, (\$3.50.)

From those who joined under forty-five (45) and over forty (40) years of age, the sum of four dollars, (\$4.)

From those who joined under fifty (50) and over forty-five (45) years of age, the sum of four dollars and fifty cents, (\$4.50.)

From those who joined under fifty-five (55) and over fifty (50) years of age, the sum of five dollars, (\$5.)

The aggregate sum thus stopped will be ascertained by the Paymaster-General of the Army from the returns made by the officers of his department and paid by him to the heirs of the deceased officer: *Provided*, That any member of this society may designate the person or persons to receive the benefit of this act in the case of his death, by filing in the office of the Paymaster-General his wish in writing, which designation must be executed and made over his signature, attested by the signatures of two other commissioned officers of the Army: *And further provided*, That the filing of such designation shall not bar his withdrawal of the same or the substitution of a new designation, to be attested and executed in the manner prescribed for the first designation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, to enable the members of this society to anticipate their assessments, the Adjutant General of the Army is hereby required to publish weekly in orders the casualties by death which have occurred in the Army of which he has official information.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the retirement of an officer shall in no way affect his relations to this society, but those who may be wholly retired, or cease to be officers of the Army from any other cause, shall thereby relinquish their membership.

T. L. CRITTENDEN, colonel Seventeenth United States Infantry.

WM. M. VAN HORNE, captain Seventeenth Infantry.

DANL. H. BRUSH, second lieutenant Seventeenth Infantry.

ALFRED T. SMITH, captain Eighth Infantry.

F. W. ELBREY, assistant surgeon United States Army.

JAMES W. POWELL, first lieutenant Eighth Infantry.

C. M. BAILEY, captain Eighth Infantry.

W. H. McMINN, second lieutenant Eighth Infantry.

C. M. BAILY, second lieutenant Eighth Infantry.

- W. T. PITCHER, second lieutenant Eighth Infantry.
 JOHN D. WILKINS, lieutenant-colonel Eighth Infantry.
 W. MERRITT, lieutenant-colonel Ninth Cavalry, bvt. maj. gen. U. S. A.
 H. DOUGLASS, Major Eleventh Infantry.
 A. P. MORROW, Major Ninth Cavalry.
 WM. F. BUCHANAN, captain and assistant surgeon U. S. A.
 WILLIAM HOFFMAN, first lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 GEO. G. LOTT, first lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 GEO. LE ROY BROWN, second lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 FRED. F. KISLINGBURY, second lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 JOHN CONLINE, second lieutenant Ninth Cavalry.
 F. S. DODGE, captain of cavalry.
 L. P. HUNT, second lieutenant Tenth Cavalry.
 C. A. STEDMAN, second lieutenant Ninth Cavalry.
 CHARLES L. COOPER, first lieutenant Tenth Cavalry.
 N. BADGER, post chaplain.
 NICHOLAS NOLAN, captain Tenth Cavalry.
 CHARLES A. WIKOFF, captain Eleventh Infantry.
 GUS. VALOIS, first lieutenant Ninth Cavalry.
 W. R. SHAFTER, lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Infantry.
 HELENUS DODT, first lieutenant and adjutant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
 A. C. MARKLEY, first lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
 A. GEDDES, first lieutenant Twenty-fifth Infantry.
 WM. R. STEINMETZ, assistant surgeon United States Army.
 J. L. BULLIS, first lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
 E. F. TOWNSEND, major Ninth Infantry.
 A. S. BURT, captain Ninth Infantry.
 M. J. FITZGERALD, captain Ninth Infantry.
 JOHN H. KING, colonel Ninth Infantry.
 EDWIN POLLOCK, captain Ninth Infantry.
 S. MUNSON, captain Ninth Infantry, United States Army.
 JAMES REGAN, first lieutenant Ninth Infantry.
 W. L. CARPENTER, first lieutenant Ninth Infantry.
 JAMES S. BRISBIN, major Second U. S. Cavalry.
 P. MIDDLETON, assistant surgeon United States Army.
 C. RODNEY LAYTON, captain Sixteenth Infantry.
 JAMES VAN VOAST, lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Infantry.
 GEO. E. BACON, second lieutenant Sixteenth Infantry.
 FRANK WHEATON, brevet major-general, lieutenant-colonel commanding Twenty-first Infantry.
 GEO. S. HOYLE, second lieutenant First Cavalry.
 GEORGE W. EVANS, first lieutenant and adjutant Twenty-First Infantry.
 JNO. Q. ADAMS, first lieutenant First Cavalry.
 HENRY McELDERRY, assistant surgeon United States Army.
 H. M. BLACK, lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth Infantry.
 R. L. MORRIS, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 B. B. KEELER, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 THOS. J. LLOYD, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 CARROLL H. POTTER, first lieutenant and adjutant Eighteenth Infantry.
 G. N. BUMFORD, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 M. LEAHY, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 JAMES H. BALDWIN, first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster Eighteenth Infantry.
 J. H. TODD, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.

- ROBT. F. BATES, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 O. B. WARWICK, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 WM. B. WHEELER, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 H. H. ADAMS, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 CHAS. B. HINTON, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 MORGAN L. OGDEN, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 C. A. ALLIGOOD, captain and military storekeeper.
 C. R. PAUL, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 J. H. FRANTZ, surgeon United States Army.
 W. H. McLAUGHLIN, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 CHAS. G. BARTLETT, captain Fourth Infantry.
 CH. SMART, captain and assistant surgeon United States Army.
 G. L. LUHN, first lieutenant Fourth Infantry.
 E. M. COATES, captain Fourth Infantry.
 F. F. FLINT, colonel Fourth Infantry.
 JNO. W. BUBB, first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster Fourth Infantry.
 GEO. O. WEBSTER, first lieutenant and adjutant Fourth Infantry.
 O. D. GREENE, major and assistant adjutant-general.
 BENJ. C. CARD, major and quartermaster.
 E. R. AMES, captain Sixth Infantry.
 A. H. SEWARD, major and paymaster United States Army.
 RODNEY SMITH, paymaster United States Army.
 WM. SMITH, paymaster United States Army.
 H. G. GIBSON, major Third Artillery, brevet colonel United States Army.
 L. L. LIVINGSTON, captain Third Artillery.
 LEWIS SMITH, first lieutenant Third Artillery.
 R. D. POTTS, first lieutenant Third Artillery.
 C. A. H. McCAULEY, second lieutenant Third Artillery.
 WM. REDWOOD PRICE, major Eighth United States Cavalry.
 A. B. KAUFFMAN, captain Eighth Cavalry.
 S. W. FOUNTAIN, second lieutenant Eighth United States Cavalry.
 H. R. BRINKERHOFF, first lieutenant Fifteenth Infantry.
 EZRA B. FULLER, second lieutenant Eighth United States Cavalry.
 C. A. HARTWELL, captain Eighth United States Cavalry.
 JAMES P. BROWN, captain Fifteenth Infantry.
 HARRISON S. WEEKS, first lieutenant Eighth United States Cavalry.
 H. W. SPROLE, first lieutenant Eighth United States Cavalry.
 CARLILE BOYD, captain Seventeenth Infantry.
 C. H. GREENE, first lieutenant Seventeenth Infantry.
 C. S. ROBERTS, first lieutenant Seventeenth Infantry.
 GEORGE RUHLEN, second lieutenant Seventeenth Infantry.
 JAMES BIDDLE, major Sixth Cavalry.
 J. FORD KENT, captain Third Infantry.
 JOHN H. PAGE, captain Third Infantry.
 GEO. W. H. STOUCH, first lieutenant Third Infantry.
 F. W. ROE, second lieutenant Third Infantry.
 J. SCOTT PAYNE, second lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
 J. A. M. LA TOURETTE, post chaplain United States Army.
 JNO. W. HANNAY, first lieutenant Third Infantry.
 GEO. S. ANDERSON, second lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
 H. P. PERRINE, first lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
 FRED. THIES, second lieutenant Third Infantry.
 W. M. WALLACE, first lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
 CHARLES HAY, first lieutenant Twenty-third Infantry.
 O. W. POLLOCK, captain Twenty-third Infantry.

C. D. PARKHURST, second lieutenant Fifth Cavalry.
I. B. LOCKWOOD, second lieutenant Twenty-third Infantry.
M. P. BUFFUM, first lieutenant Fifteenth Infantry.
L. H. WALKER, second lieutenant Fifteenth Infantry.
JOS. K. CORSON, assistant surgeon United States Army.
S. E. CLARK, second lieutenant Second Infantry.
JOHN KINZIE, second lieutenant Second Infantry.
EDWIN J. STIVERS, first lieutenant Twenty-fifth Infantry.
W. TEAR, first lieutenant Twenty-fifth Infantry.
F. A. KENDALL, first lieutenant Twenty-fifth Infantry.
C. S. DE GRAW, assistant surgeon United States Army.
HARRY READE, second lieutenant Twenty-fifth Infantry.
W. W. TYLER, first lieutenant Ninth Cavalry.
CYRUS N. GRAY, adjutant Twenty-fifth Infantry.
M. A. COCHRAN, captain Second Infantry.
L. S. AMES, first lieutenant Second Infantry.
A. S. DAGGETT, captain Second Infantry.
E. R. KELLOGG, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
F. B. TAYLOR, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
THOMAS DRURY, first lieutenant Second Infantry.
JNO. K. WARING, second lieutenant Second Infantry.
THILO SCHULTZE, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
J. E. PORTER, first lieutenant Seventh Cavalry.
C. O. BRADLEY, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
T. B. WEIR, captain Seventh Cavalry.
L. M. MORRIS, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
W. FLETCHER, captain Twentieth Infantry.
L. C. HUNT, lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Infantry.
H. C. COOK, captain Second Infantry.
JAMES ULIO, first lieutenant Second Infantry.
CHARLES STYER, assistant surgeon United States Army.
W. T. HARTZ, first lieutenant Fifteenth Infantry.
GEORGE E. POND, second lieutenant Eighth Cavalry.
A. P. CARAHER, captain Eighth Cavalry.
JULIUS H. PATZKI, assistant surgeon United States Army.
FRANK TAYLOR, second lieutenant Fourteenth Infantry.
RUFUS P. BROWN, second lieutenant Fourth Infantry.
E. C. WOODRUFF, captain Twelfth Infantry.
A. G. TASSIN, second lieutenant Twelfth Infantry.
RICHD. COMBA, captain Seventh Infantry.
GEO. L. BROWNING, captain Seventh Infantry.
J. M. J. SANNO, captain United States Army.
W. I. REED, first lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
WILLIAM QUINTON, first lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
A. H. JACKSON, first lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
DANL. ROBINSON, first lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
LEVI F. BURNETT, first lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
WILLIAM L. ENGLISH, second lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
CHAS. A. WOODRUFF, second lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
CHAS. A. WORDEN, second lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
ALBERT V. AMET, second lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
W. H. NELSON, first lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
F. M. H. KENDRICK, second lieutenant Seventh Infantry.
WM. S. McCASKEY, captain Twentieth Infantry.
W. H. HAMNER, second lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
J. C. BATES, captain Twentieth Infantry.

J. A. YECKLEY, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
J. F. HUSTON, second lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
C. W. PETHERBRIDGE, post chaplain United States Army.
J. A. MANLEY, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
JOSEPH BUSH, captain Twenty-second Infantry.
FIELDING L. DAVIS, second lieutenant Twenty-second Infantry.
FRANK M. COXE, captain Twenty-fifth United States Infantry.
EDWD. ALLSWORTH, first lieutenant Twenty fifth Infantry.
GEO. H. PALMER, first lieutenant Sixteenth Infantry.
LEVEN C. ALLEN, Sixteenth Infantry.
W. V. RICHARDS, first lieutenant Sixteenth Infantry.
W. D. WOLVERTON, assistant surgeon United States Army.
E. S. EWING, first lieutenant Sixteenth Infantry.
W. G. WEDEMAYER, captain Sixteenth Infantry.
D. M. VANCE, captain Sixteenth Infantry.
W. H. CLAPP, first lieutenant and adjutant Sixteenth Infantry.
H. C. MERRIAM, major Twenty-fourth Infantry.
JOHN N. SCHULTZ, chaplain Twenty-fourth Infantry.
A. S. KIMBALL, captain and quartermaster United States Army.
JNO. C. GILMORE, captain Twenty-fourth Infantry.
H. F. LEGGETT, first lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
ROBT. NEELY, first lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
J. W. CLOUS, captain Twenty-fourth Infantry.
JNO. L. CLEM, second lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
J. L. HUMFREVILLE, captain Ninth Cavalry.
HENRY WYGANT, second lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
H. C. CORBIN, captain Twenty-fourth Infantry.
J. W. NICHOLLS, paymaster United States Army.
J. M. THOMPSON, first lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
LEWIS JOHNSON, captain Twenty-fourth Infantry.
JNO. B. NIXON, first lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
W. E. WHITEHEAD, assistant surgeon United States Army.
W. P. W. JAMES, second lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
M. C. WESSELLS, second lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry.
JOHN H. JANEWAY, captain and assistant surgeon, U. S. A.
J. W. CHICKERING, first lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
GILBERT E. OVERTON, adjutant Sixth Cavalry.
SEBREE SMITH, lieutenant and R. Q. M. Sixth Cavalry.
JOSEPH KERIN, captain Sixth Cavalry.
J. H. SANDS, first lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
D. MADDEN, captain Sixth Cavalry.
R. HANNA, second lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
J. A. RUCKER, second lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
S. M. WHITSIDE, captain Sixth Cavalry.
JOHN A. IRWIN, captain Sixth Cavalry.
H. F. WINCHESERT, first lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
A. HENELY, second lieutenant Sixth Cavalry.
J. S. FLETCHER, Jr., captain Sixteenth Infantry, bvt. lieutenant colonel.
W. C. MCFARLAND, second lieutenant Sixteenth Infantry.
CHAS. W. HOTSENPILLER, captain Nineteenth Infantry.
W. M. WILLIAMS, second lieutenant Nineteenth Infantry.
DAVID S. SNIVELY, acting assistant surgeon, U. S. A.
O. B. READ, first lieutenant and adjutant Eleventh Infantry.
R. W. HOYT, second lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
IRA QUINBY, first lieutenant and R. Q. M., Eleventh Infantry.

THOS. J. SPENCER, first lieutenant Tenth Cavalry.
 D. B. TAYLOR, first lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 CHAS. F. ROE, first lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 W. H. FORWOOD, assistant surgeon, United States Army.
 E. C. BOWEN, captain Eleventh Infantry.
 JOSEPH CONRAD, captain Eleventh Infantry.
 CHARLES R. WARD, second lieutenant Tenth Cavalry.
 MASON JACKSON, captain Eleventh Infantry.
 ALBERT L. MYER, second lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 THOS. LITTLE, captain Tenth Cavalry.
 W. N. SAGE, first lieutenant Eleventh Infantry.
 J. W. BREWER, assistant surgeon, United States Army.
 D. H. KINZIE, captain Fifth Cavalry.
 GEORGE W. CRABB, first lieutenant Fifth Artillery.
 GEORGE E. SAGE, second lieutenant Fifth Artillery.
 W. H. LOW, Jr., second lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
 J. S. STAFFORD, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
 THOS. W. LORD, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
 WALWORTH W. WOOD, lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
 JNO. BANNISTER, first lieutenant Twentieth Infantry.
 JOHN CHRISTOPHER, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 A. C. GIRARD, assistant surgeon, United States Army.
 FRED. F. WHITEHEAD, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 H. H. BENNER, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 JAMES STEWART, captain Eighteenth Infantry.
 W. HOWARD KING, assistant surgeon United States Army.
 W. A. MILLER, first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 JOHN ANDERSON, second lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry.
 M. K. TAYLOR, assistant surgeon United States Army.
 D. F. STILES, second lieutenant Tenth Infantry.
 E. E. SELLERS, captain Tenth United States Infantry, commanding post of Austin, Tex.
 CHARLES T. WITHERELL, first lieutenant Nineteenth Infantry.
 A. H. M. TAYLOR, second lieutenant Nineteenth Regiment Infantry.
 W. F. DRUM, captain Second Infantry.
 CHAS. R. GREENLEAF, assistant surgeon, United States Army.
 H. CATLEY, first lieutenant Second Infantry.
 H. B. SARSON, second lieutenant Second Infantry.
 A. W. KUHS, second lieutenant Second Infantry.
 R. G. SHAW, first lieutenant First Artillery.
 G. M. BRAYTON, captain Eighth Infantry.
 GORDON WINSLOW, first lieutenant Eighth Infantry.
 J. MCE. HYDE, second lieutenant Eighth Infantry.
 Amend first section to read as follows:
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all officers of the United States Army on the active list, and under fifty-five years of age, who may so elect by letter to the Adjutant-General after the receipt of this act in orders at the place where they may be serving, and all who may be commissioned officers after the passage of this act, are hereby created a society for the purpose of providing for the heirs of deceased officers.
 G. RUSSELL, captain Third Cavalry.
 A. D. B. SMEAD, first lieutenant Third Cavalry.
 O. ELTING, first lieutenant Third Cavalry.
 J. E. H. FOSTER, second lieutenant Third Cavalry.
 At the end of section 3, after the word "designation," insert the words

"*And further provided*, That an officer may withdraw from the society at any time."

Amend section 5 to read as follows:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the retirement of an officer, or his resignation, provided he shall pay his assessments, shall in no way affect his relations to this society, but those who may be wholly retired, or cease to be officers of the Army from any other cause, shall thereby relinquish their membership.

HENRY A. MORROW, lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Infantry.

E. B. CARLING, captain and assistant quartermaster.

EDWD. P. VOLLUM, surgeon United States Army.

WILLIAM H. BISBEE, captain Fourth Infantry.

ROBERT NUGENT, captain Thirteenth Infantry.

Amend section 5 to read as follows:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the retirement of an officer shall in no way affect his relations to this society: *Provided*, That an officer leaving the service from any other cause than death shall have returned to him a certain proportion of the amount which he may have paid in; this amount to be deducted from the other members *pro rata*, as in case of death.

JOHN C. TIDBALL, major Second Artillery, brevet brigadier.

R. E. DE RUSSY, first lieutenant Second Artillery.

J. L. MAST, brevet lieutenant Second Cavalry, with condition as above.

E. T. C. RICHMOND, first lieutenant Second Artillery, with condition as above.

Amend the 1st section to read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all officers of the United States Army on the active list, and under fifty-five years of age, who may so elect by letter to the Adjutant-General within one month after the receipt of this act in orders at the place where they may be serving, and all who may be commissioned officers after the passage of this act, and who may so elect by letter to the Adjutant-General within — after the acceptance of such commission, are hereby created a society for the purpose of providing for the heirs of deceased officers.

Add the following as an additional section:

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the whole of the amount "retained" by paymasters and "ascertained" by the Paymaster-General, under the third section of this act, shall be paid without unnecessary delay to the heir or heirs, or other person or persons designated, as provided in the third section of this act; and that neither the amount nor any part of it shall be retained or kept back on account of any indebtedness, or alleged indebtedness, to the United States of the deceased officer on whose behalf it is so "retained" and "ascertained."

NELSON A. MILES, colonel Fifth Infantry, brevet major general.

SAM. OVENSCHINE, captain Fifth Infantry.

W. LYMAN, captain Fifth Infantry.

W. MITCHELL, first lieutenant Third Infantry.

J. W. POPE, second lieutenant Fifth Infantry.

C. E. HARGOUS, second lieutenant Fifth Infantry.

WM. GERLACH, second lieutenant Third Infantry.

F. H. HATHAWAY, second lieutenant Fifth Infantry.

MASON CARTER, first lieutenant Fifth Infantry.

GEO. P. BORDEN, second lieutenant Fifth Infantry.

D. H. BROTHERTON, captain Fifth Infantry.

D. Q. ROUSSEAU, second lieutenant Fifth United States Infantry.

T. A. MCPARLIN, surgeon United States Army.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., March 2, 1874.

Gen. B. ALVORD, *Paymaster-General U. S. A., Washington, D. C.*

GENERAL: According to the promise made in my letter of recent date, I send these papers to you. Hoping that the importance of this subject to the whole Army will excuse any liberties I may have taken, and that you will give the effort such countenance as your time and judgment will permit,

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. CATLEY,

First Lieut. Second Infantry.

Doubtless such a bill would have a beneficent effect.

Very truly,

BENJ. ALVORD.

Lieut. H. CATLEY, *Huntsville, Ala.*

MARCH 7, 1874.

As soon as practicable, the petition will be forwarded to the honorable Secretary of War for his indorsement and transmission to Congress.

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